

Columbia Grange Weekly Newsletter



19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week at Columbia Grange...

Rainbow

In Maths this week, Rainbow have been exploring shapes. One activity involved sorting shapes using a shape sorter and to complete this activity, the children demonstrated their fine motor grip to pick up and manipulate the shapes. They then identified the correct shape and carefully matched it to the corresponding hole, developing their shape recognition, problem-solving skills, and hand-eye coordination. Brilliant work, everyone!



Blossom

Quinn is becoming increasingly confident during mark making sessions, increasing the amount of and types of tools and materials he is exploring. He is now choosing to mark make during choice time and is enjoying looking at the outcome of the pictures he has created!



Rose

Some children have been consolidating their object permanence and tracking skills by playing hide and find games during Maths sessions. There was an exciting toy or treat hidden under one of the three bowls and the children had to watch as they were mixed up, before working out which one was hiding their treat.



Pink

Edie-Mae has been trying hard in our Squiggle sessions recently and can now create an up and down motion using her gross and fine motor skills. Well done!



Ruby

This week, Ugo impressed class staff when he used Makaton to request 'help' to open the gate. We are so proud of you, well done!



Sage

Mahad has been doing exceptionally well in his writing sessions and has shown great progress in developing his ability to trace his name accurately while following the lines. Well done, Mahad!



Mint

Children in Mint Class have been working hard on their voice sounds during their 'Tuning into Sounds' lessons where they enjoyed making different sounds linked to familiar pictures. Matthew and Sophia whispered "shhh" to represent a sleeping baby, Dillon roared like a lion, and Leo made a long 'sssss' sound like a snake. Well done!



Jade

Jade class enjoyed celebrating World Music Day where they listened to French music and practised greeting each other with 'Bonjour'. They also worked hard to make Father's Day cards; if you are a dad or a male carer, we hope you are celebrated this weekend, thank you for all you do for your children!



Emerald

During this week's cookery lesson, the children explored the importance of healthy eating. They learned about different healthy ingredients and how these can be combined to create balanced recipes. The class was introduced to using a blender safely and effectively, developing their understanding of kitchen equipment and food preparation techniques. The children demonstrated growing confidence by completing most of the activity independently, following instructions carefully and working responsibly throughout the lesson.



Forest

This week, the children participated in a P.E. session focusing on throwing skills. They practised underarm and overarm throws as well as target throwing using a range of equipment such as scarves and balloons. Ivy transitioned well to the P.E. hall and engaged positively with all activities. Well done!



Teal

Children in Teal class participated in a range of turn taking activities this week. Children took turns in a group and enjoyed a game of bingo, taking turns to spin the balls and call out the numbers. The children enjoyed playing this game and repeated this activity during choice time. Well done everyone for working together and waiting patiently for your turn.



Navy

Navy class have been developing their food technology skills this week. They learned how to use a toaster to make their own toast, ensuring that they were careful and kept themselves and their friends safe in the kitchen. They then got to choose their own toppings and and, most importantly, eat their creations!



The Nest

In their PSHE lessons this week, the children in The Nest have been developing their tooth-brushing skills! Some children showed great bravery by allowing an adult to brush their teeth while they watched in the mirror, helping them to become familiar with the process. Others demonstrated growing independence by putting toothpaste onto their own toothbrush and brushing their teeth themselves.



Reminders/Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
23.6.26	Newly ADDED: Coffee Morning for Mams/female carers @ Washington Mind, 9:30-11:00 <i>*We will look to organise further sessions both inside and outside of school hours</i>	Mams/female carers of whole school
26.06.26	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
1.7.26	SALT Parents Session 1:30-3:00 (The same session will be ran twice, please only attend one session)	For parents and carers of children who started Columbia Grange in September 2025
3.7.26	1:00-2:30 Colour Run - Parents welcome <i>No siblings/additional children to attend Colour Run</i>	Whole School
14.7.26	Whole School Trip <i>We are hoping to book a whole school trip on this date. More information to follow.</i>	Whole School
22.7.25	Last day of Term	Whole School
22.7.25	Year 6 End of Year Celebration 10-12 at Washington Art Centre <i>More information to follow regarding this event</i>	Year 6
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
1.9.26	School Opens	Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Ruby and Teal who both had 100% attendance this week.

Class	Rainbow	Blossom	Rose	Pink	Scarlet	Ruby	Lavender
Attendance	88%	90%	98%	98%	90%	100%	96%
Class	Sage	Mint	Jade	Emerald	Forest	Teal	Navy
Attendance	98%	88%	76%	87%	90%	100%	98%

Class	Star of the Week
Rainbow	Poppy: For demonstrating excellent control during an independent mark-making activity. Super work, Poppy!
Blossom	Joshua: For independently cooking toast, pressing down the button and spreading his own butter! Well done!
Rose	Phoebe: For trying hard in her mark making sessions this week!
Pink	Will: For trying new food at school! He is eating a plate of tomato pasta from the dinner hall before his packed lunch! Well done, Will!

Scarlet	Vinnie: For excellent listening and transitioning around school with more independence.
Ruby	Freddie: For exploring new foods like papaya and mango during his PSHE tasting session, well done!
Lavender	Hully: For showing great independence during his trip on Monday, well done!
Sage	Beau: For creating and accurately placing the wolf's facial features in the correct place following a visual model after listening to the Little Red Riding Hood story.
Mint	Sheridan: For trying hard with his listening skills during story time and improved comprehension of his reading book. Keep it up!
Jade	Jack: For consistently using communication boards and verbally communicating how he feels. Well done, Jack!
Emerald	Adyan: For brilliant sentence writing in phonics. Well done, Adyan!
Forest	Lily: For engaging in Maths activities, building a staircase, and counting from 1 to 5. Well done, Lily!
Teal	Lily: For joining in with PSHE and brushing her hair with the rest of the class. Well done!
Navy	Daniel: For writing his own imaginative story in writing. Amazing creativity Daniel!
The Nest	Oskah: For fantastic independence skills during his PSHE lessons this week. Well done, Oskah!

Next week, we are set for another British heatwave! Please ensure children arrive to school wearing suncream to ensure they can play outside safely throughout the day. Caps and water bottles are also important as the temperature rises, ensuring children remain hydrated throughout the day.

Enjoy the weekend, see you on Monday!

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